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September GA Quiz 26

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. Which of the following sports tournament has been renamed the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas?

- A. Davis Cup B. Fed Cup C. Australian Open
D. Hopman Cup E. None of these

2. Name the professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology(MIT)'s Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory won the inaugural winner of the annual award instituted by the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence and funded by Chinese online education company Squirrel AI.

- A. Kofi Annan B. Benjamin Netanyahu C. William Clay Ford
D. Regina Barzilay E. None of these

3. Which of the following states has recently launched a unified portal called 'U-Rise' to guide students in learning, career counselling, and getting employment?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Jharkhand C. Bihar
D. Uttar Pradesh E. None of these

4. Antyodaya Diwas 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. September 22 B. September 23 C. September 24
D. September 25 E. None of these

5. Which of the following dates is observed as World Pharmacists Day?

- A. September 25 B. September 24 C. September 23
D. September 22 E. None of these

6. SP Balasubrahmanyam passed away recently, was a renowned _____ .

- A. Actor B. Singer C. Director
D. Writer E. None of these

7. Dr Sekhar Basu succumbed to COVID-19 at a private hospital, was a/an _____ .

- A. Novel writer B. Atomic scientist C. Film Maker
D. Architecture E. None of these

8. Former cricketer and renowned commentator Dean Jones, passes away at 59. He was from which of the following countries?

- A. New Zealand B. South Africa C. Australia
D. West Indies E. None of these



9. Which of the following IITs has developed an Indigenous Microprocessor “MOUSHIK” for IoT Devices?

- A. IIT Delhi B. IIT Mumbai C. IIT Kolkata
D. IIT Madras E. None of these

10. Who among the following has launched “Centralized Farm Machinery Performance Testing Portal” in the Public Domain?

- A. Thawar Chand Gehlot B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan C. Narendra Singh Tomar
D. Ram Vilas Paswan E. None of these

11. Who among the following has recently become the Brand Ambassador of CEAT tyres?

- A. Shahrukh Khan B. Akshay Kumar C. Aamir Khan
D. Hrithik Roshan E. None of these

12. Aakash Educational Services Limited has recently appointed _____ as brand ambassador.

- A. Yuvraj Singh B. Shikhar Dhawan C. Virender Sehwag
D. Mahendra Singh Dhoni E. None of these

13. Who among the following has become India’s first woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale?

- A. Shivangi Singh B. Avani Chaturvedi C. Bhawana Kanth
D. Shaliza Dhani E. None of these

14. Which of the following states has bagged UN award for 'Outstanding contribution' in controlling non-communicable diseases?

- A. Jharkhand B. Madhya Pradesh C. Tamil Nadu
D. Kerala E. None of these

15. Which of the following payments banks along with fintech partners has introduced NFC-based contactless payments solution for mass transit systems, especially state bus transport services in India?

- A. Airtel Payments Bank B. Kotak Mahindra Bank C. Paytm Payments Bank
D. Fino Payments Bank E. None of these

16. Who among the following has recently participated in Special Ministerial Meeting of FMs of CICA?

- A. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar B. Ajit Doval
C. Rajnath Singh D. Nirmala Sitharaman E. None of these

17. Who among the following has recently participated in annual Informal Meeting of SAARC Council of Ministers?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman B. Raveesh Kumar C. Ramesh Pokhriyal
D. Vijay Keshav Gokhale E. None of these

18. India has been ranked at which place among 181 countries in World Risk Report 2020?

- A. 62 B. 78 C. 89
D. 91 E. None of these



19. Which of the following countries has provided 1.54 billion Nepalese Rupees (INR nearly 96 crores) to Nepal as part of its commitment towards assistance and rehabilitation after the 2015 earthquake which saw the death of over 9,000 people in the country?

- A. China B. USA C. Japan
D. India E. None of these

20. Kerala government is going to establish first Biomedical Park in which of the following cities?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram B. Kochi C. Kozhikode
D. Kollam E. None of these



Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: The ITF

What: has announced that Fed Cup, the women's world cup of tennis, has been renamed the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas

When: published on 17th September 2020

The ITF has announced that Fed Cup, the women's world cup of tennis, has been renamed the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas.

It is the first time a major global team competition has been named after a woman, ushering in a new era for the historic tournament and representing a landmark moment for sport.

A champion on the court and a pioneer off it, Billie Jean King is a global campaigner for equality who has dedicated her life to fighting discrimination in all its forms. The values she represents epitomise the ethos of a tournament that has evolved to become the largest annual international team competition in women's sport, with 116 nations entered in 2020. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: MIT professor

What: wins top AI award for cancer, drug research

When: published on 23rd September 2020

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor using computer science to detect cancer and discover new drugs has won a new \$1 million award for artificial intelligence.

The world's biggest AI society awarded its top prize Wednesday to Regina Barzilay, a professor at MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

MIT says Barzilay is a breast cancer survivor whose 2014 diagnosis led her to shift her AI work to creating systems for drug development and early cancer diagnosis.

Her early diagnosis tool has been tested in multiple hospitals, including Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital and others in Taiwan and Sweden. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: UP CM Yogi Adityanath

What: launches portal to connect students with jobs

When: published on 24th September 2020

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday launched a unified portal called 'U-Rise' to guide students in learning, career counselling, and getting employment in Uttar Pradesh.

About 20 lakh students, getting vocational and technical education, and technical experts will benefit from this portal. The e-content, e-library, and online courses available on this portal will be accessible by students even in the most interior areas of the state.

Speaking at the launch, Yogi said the portal was part of the second phase of the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Qualitative Reforms Programme launched in 2017 to bring about improvement in the quality of technical education institutions. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Antyodaya Diwas 2020

What: was observed on 25th September 2020

25th September was observed as Antyodaya Diwas across the country to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, a noted philosopher, historian and political activist. Antyodaya means uplifting of the weakest section of the society. Several activities including blood donation camps, seminar, symposia were organised on this occasion across the country.

About Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya:

He was well-known political personality and thoughtful philosopher. He was coordinator and famous leader of Jan Sangh, which is considered precursor to BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party). He was critic of both capitalism and communism. He advocated his own brand of Integral Humanism which combined morality in politics and human centric approach to economics. He strongly supported swadeshi and small scale industrialization. He upheld nationalistic ideals and believed that blindly adhering to Western ideologies wouldn't be suitable path for India. He founded Rashtra Dharma Prakashan publishing house in Lucknow and launched Rashtra Dharma, a monthly magazine, to advocate principles he held sacred. Later he launched weekly Panchjanya and daily Swadesh. He wrote drama Chandragupta Maurya in Hindi and later wrote a biography of Shankaracharya.

5. Hints to Remember

Who: World Pharmacists Day

What: was observed on 25th September 2020



Every Year World Pharmacist Day is observed on September 25. The day established on 2009. This day celebrated every year to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health. This Day is suggested by The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).

To promote pharmacists commitment to organise activities that promote and advocate for the role of the pharmacist in improving health in all parts of the world.

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), which is non-governmental organisation of national associations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists, established on September 25, 1912.

The Board has recommended to observe Pharmacist Day on September 25 because on this day FIP came into existence.

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Legendary SP Balasubrahmanyam

What: dies aged 74

When: published on 26th September 2020

Legendary playback singer SP Balasubrahmanyam, who blurred boundaries of language by recording 40,000 songs in 16 languages in a career spanning five decades, died in a Chennai hospital on Friday. He was 74. The singer was admitted to hospital last month after he contracted Covid-19, tested negative on September 4 but suffered a cardio- respiratory arrest on Friday. He died at 1.04 pm, announced his son SP Charan.

“SPB belongs to everyone. He will live on in his songs,” Charan added.

Born Sripati Panditaradhyula Balasubrahmanyam at Nellore in coastal Andhra Pradesh on June 4, 1946, SPB (as he was popularly known) wanted to become an engineer but dropped out to pursue his dream.

He made his professional debut in 1966 in a Telugu film. Accolades quickly followed, bringing him six national awards for songs performed in four languages -- Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi.

His 54-year-long career included stints as a musician, composer, producer and voice-over artist, even actor but it was his distinctly melodious voice that won him millions of fans across India. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Nuclear scientist Sekhar Basu

What: dies of COVID-19

When: published on 24th September 2020



Veteran atomic scientist and former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission Dr Sekhar Basu succumbed to COVID-19 early on Thursday at a private hospital here, a health department official said.

He breathed his last just three days after turning 68.

"Dr Basu was suffering from COVID-19 and other kidney ailments. He died at 4.50 am," the official told PTI.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Dean Jones, former Australia cricketer and renowned commentator

What: passes away at 59

When: published on 24th September 2020

Former Australia cricketer and renowned commentator Dean Jones passed away on Thursday following a massive cardiac arrest in Mumbai. He was 59. A batsman during his playing days, Jones played 52 Tests and 164 ODIs for Australia between 1984 and 1994 before venturing into commentary.

Jones was part of the Australian team that won the 1987 World Cup, playing a starring role in the campaign. Jones was Australia's third highest run-getter in the tournament, scoring 314 runs in 8 matches. He was currently in India as part of the team of experts working on the Indian Premier League with host broadcaster Star Sports.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: IIT Madras

What: Developed an Indigenous Microprocessor "MOUSHIK" For IoT Devices

When: published on 24th September 2020

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Researchers have booted up 'MOUSHIK,' an indigenously-made Microprocessor, that can cater to the rapidly-growing IoT devices, an integral part of Smart Cities of a Digital India.

MOUSHIK is a processor cum 'system on chip' which has been conceptualized, designed and developed at the Pratap Subrahmanyam Centre for Digital Intelligence and Secure Hardware Architecture (PS-CDISHA) of the RISE Group, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras. The Project is funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.[\(Read more\)](#)



10. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

What: launches “Centralized Farm Machinery Performance Testing Portal” in the Public Domain

When: published on 24th September 2020

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar today launched in the public domain, the “Centralized Farm Machinery Performance Testing Portal” which has been developed by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare as a further step to improve services of farm machinery testing institutions and bringing out transparency in the entire process of testing and evaluation of machines.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that the Government under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is fully committed to the welfare of farmers and development of the agriculture sector. Budget allocation of the agriculture sector has also been considerably increased in keeping with this commitment of the government. Shri Tomar said that there has been significant increase in adoption of agricultural machines which has resulted in the phenomenal expansion of cropped area, cropping diversity and the country’s agricultural production. Further to promote agricultural mechanization, the Union Agriculture Minister appealed to industry representatives to design farm equipment which can be utilized in cost effective manner by small and marginal farmers. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Ceat Tyres

What: appoints Aamir Khan as brand ambassador

When: published on 25th September 2020

Ceat Tyres, the tyre manufacturer, has signed Bollywood actor Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador for two years. As part of an integrated marketing campaign, Aamir Khan will feature in two commercials during the course of the IPL 2020 to promote Ceat’s SecuraDrive range of car tyres.

The first ad will be aired at the beginning of IPL and will also be promoted across different media platforms both online and offline. The campaign based on the theme ‘don’t be a dummy’ emphasises on the usage of high quality tyres that provide complete safety in any kind of driving conditions. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Aakash Educational Services Limited

What: appoints Yuvraj Singh as brand ambassador

When: published on 24th September 2020



Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) has announced the appointment of cricketer Yuvraj Singh as its brand ambassador. The cricketer has come on board to help promote the company and its various brands including Aakash Institute, Aakash IIT-JEE, Aakash Digital and Meritnation. As the face of Aakash, Yuvraj Singh will lead the brand's latest omni-channel 'Success is Waiting' campaign for Aakash Digital.

The 'Success is Waiting' campaign, conceptualised in partnership with Cheil India, the creative agency of AESL, will be for students re-appearing for medical and engineering entrance examinations. It intends to inspire such students to give it another shot and will be visible through the digital medium.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Varanasi's Shivangi Singh

What: set to become India's first woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale

When: published on 24th September 2020

Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is set to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the Rafale combat aircraft. Shivangi Singh, who hails from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, was commissioned into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the year 2017 as part of the second batch of women fighter pilots.

At present, Shivangi Singh, who had been flying the MiG-21 Bison aircraft, is undergoing conversion training, which is necessitated when a combat pilot shifts from one fighter to another one. Till recently, she was reportedly serving at a fighter base in Rajasthan.

Elated by the news, the family of Shivangi Singh celebrated at their residence. "It is a matter of pride for us. She worked hard, we supported her. We are very happy today," said her father.[\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Kerala

What: bags UN award for 'Outstanding contribution' in controlling non-communicable diseases

When: published on 25th September 2020

Kerala has won a United Nations award for its "outstanding contribution" towards the non-communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals.

This year, the UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) award on prevention and control of non-communicable diseases was announced by the World Health Organization director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.



The award recognizes achievements during 2019 on the multi-sectoral action in the prevention and control of NCDs, mental health, and the wider NCD-related sustainable development goals (SDGs).[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Fino Payments Bank

What: launches contactless payments for mass transport

When: published on 25th September 2020

Fino Payments Bank along with fintech partners has introduced NFC-based contactless payments solution for mass transit systems, especially state bus transport services in India.

“Buses run by state road transport corporations are the most preferred means of travel for majority of people in rural and semi-urban areas where cash is used to purchase tickets.

Fino, which has over 80 per cent of its banking network of 2.75 lakh points in villages, aims to tap the opportunity to digitise cash used in mass transit systems,” it said in a statement.[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: EAM Dr S Jaishankar

What: participates in Special Ministerial Meeting of FMs of CICA

When: published on 24th September 2020

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar today participated in the Special Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the CICA.

CICA is the Conference on Interaction & Confidence Building Measures in Asia.

The Minister underlined India’s commitment to a pluralistic cooperative security order in Asia through CICA.

In a series of tweets, Dr Jaishankar said this is needed more than ever before.

He also highlighted India’s contributions to the global fight against COVID19 and India's openness to do more, including with respect to vaccines.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar

What: participates in annual Informal Meeting of SAARC Council of Ministers



When: published on 24th September 2020

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar participated in the annual Informal Meeting of the SAARC Council of Ministers today.

The meeting, chaired by Nepal, was held in virtual mode and saw participation of all SAARC member states.

It reviewed regional efforts to combat the Covid-19 pandemic.

External Affairs Ministry said in a release that the participants appreciated the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in convening a video conference of SAARC Leaders on 15th March to take collaborative measures towards combating the pandemic across the region. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: ranked 89th among 181 countries in World Risk Report 2020

When: published on 26th September 2020

India ranked 89th among 181 countries and it was fourth-most-at-risk in south Asia on the index, after Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Sri Lanka, Bhutan and the Maldives performed better than India in their abilities to cope with extreme disasters

India also lagged behind these three neighbours in terms of lack of adaptive capacities or the preparedness to deal with extreme events.

India has also slipped on strengthening adaptive capacities which are concerning as it highlights the inability of systems, institutions, and other organisms to adjust to potential damage, to take advantage of opportunities, or to respond to consequences.

All South Asian countries have slipped on their ability to adapt to the reality of climate emergency.

Hence, all south Asian countries fared poorly in the 2020 index (as compared to 2019) on strengthening their abilities to prepare and adapt to extreme events. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: provides 1.54 billion rupees to Nepal as post-earthquake assistance: Indian Embassy

When: published on 24th September 2020



India has provided 1.54 billion Nepalese Rupees (INR nearly 96 crores) to Nepal as part of its commitment towards assistance and rehabilitation after the 2015 earthquake which saw the death of over 9,000 people in the country, the Indian Embassy said here on Thursday.

The financial support was provided as housing and school sector assistance and would further help in the renovation of educational institutions and houses for the people affected in the natural disaster.[\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Boost to Medial Manufacturing: Kerala

What: to establish first Biomedical Park in Thiruvananthapuram

When: published on 22nd September 2020

Government has plans to set up a dedicated medical device manufacturing park in Kerala soon, one of the first medical device parks in the country. MedSpark, the biomedical park to be established in the Life Science Park, Thonnakkal, Thiruvananthapuram. The biomedical park will focus on providing the full range of services for the medical devices industry like R&D support, testing, and evaluation. Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister, Kerala, will lay the foundation stone for Medical Devices Park on Thursday, 24th September 2020.

The park is envisaged as a joint initiative of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India, and the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (KSIDC), the industrial and investment promotion agency of the Government of Kerala.[\(Read more\)](#)





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